

Secondary distribution box with six circuits



Overview

Secondary Distribution Box The Secondary Distribution Box (SDB) receives power from Main Power Distribution box via an extender 6 Spaces Get free shipping.

Key Takeaways

A six-circuit secondary distribution box safely distributes power from a main supply to six individual circuits, each protected by its own breaker.

A secondary distribution box (DB box) is an electrical panel that receives power from a main supply or sub-main and distributes it to multiple circuits within a building or facility. It acts as a central hub, ensuring that each circuit is protected from overloads, short circuits, and ground faults while allowing organized power management .

Components

A typical six-circuit distribution box includes:

- **Circuit breakers (MCBs):** Each of the six circuits is protected by a dedicated miniature circuit breaker, sized according to the load it serves .
- **Bus bars:** Conductive bars that distribute incoming power to each breaker.
- **RCDs/GFCIs:** Optional residual current devices for additional protection against electric shocks, especially in wet areas .

- Enclosure: Made from durable materials like polycarbonate, ASA, or powder-coated steel to ensure safety and longevity .

- Indicators and labels: Lights or markings to show power status and identify each circuit.

Configuration

In a six-circuit setup:

- Each circuit breaker is connected to a specific load, such as lighting, outlets, or appliances .

- The total load must be calculated to ensure breakers are appropriately rated, typically using the 80% rule for continuous loads .

- The box can accommodate future expansion if space is left for additional breakers .

- Example: A Champion Power Equipment six-circuit distribution box includes six 1-pole 20A breakers and one 2-pole 30A breaker, with multiple outlet types for versatile applications .

Applications

- Residential: Distributing power to different rooms or high-demand appliances.

- Commercial or industrial: Feeding small machinery, lighting, or office equipment.

- Temporary setups: Construction sites or outdoor events where multiple circuits are needed from a single power source .

Safety and Best Practices

- Ensure proper grounding and bonding of the enclosure.

- Match breaker ratings to the connected load to prevent overheating or nuisance tripping .

- Use RCDs or GFCIs in areas with water exposure.

- Label each circuit clearly for maintenance and troubleshooting.

- Consider surge protection for sensitive equipment. A six-circuit secondary distribution box provides organized, safe, and efficient power distribution, making it suitable for homes, offices, and temporary installations while allowing flexibility for future expansion .

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